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CORN PRODUCTION – RECORD HIGH

SIoux FALLS, OCTOBER 12, 2007 - South Dakota's October 1 **corn** production is forecast at 569.6 million bushels, a record high production forecast for the state, according to the South Dakota Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The forecasted production is up 3 percent from last month and up 82 percent from last year's level. Yield is forecast at 128 bushels per acre, up 4 bushels from the September forecast and up 31 bushels from last year. Acres to be harvested for grain are forecast at 4.45 million, unchanged from the previous forecast but up 38 percent from last year.

Soybean production is forecast at 129.15 million bushels, down 1 percent from both last month and last year. Yield, at 41 bushels per acre, is a record high forecast. The yield forecast is up 1 bushel from last month and 7 bushels above last year. Acres for harvest were adjusted and now are forecast at 3.15 million, down 3 percent from the previous forecast and down 18 percent from last year.

Sorghum production is forecast at 7.5 million bushels, down 17 percent from last month but 160 percent above last year's level. Yield, at 50 bushels per acre, is unchanged from last month but is 14 bushels above last year. Grain sorghum harvested acres, forecast at 150,000, are up 88 percent from last year.

All sunflower production is forecast at 600.0 million pounds, up 37 percent from last year. The estimated yield, at 1,500 pounds per acre, is up 523 pounds (54 percent) from last year. Harvested acres, at 400,000, are down 11 percent from last year.

Alfalfa hay, with a forecasted production of 5.88 million tons, yielded 2.8 tons per acre from 2.1 million acres harvested. This is 104 percent above last year's production. **Other hay**, with a forecasted production of 2.25 million tons, has a yield of 1.5 tons per acre from 1.5 million acres harvested.

Dry edible bean production is forecast at 242,000 cwt. for 2007, up 8 percent from last year. Producers plan to harvest 12,100 acres, with a forecasted yield of 2,000 pounds per acre.

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